

## Saint Luke, Evangelist

Sermon Road Map

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Luke 1:1-4

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### Celebrate with confidence!

#### The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

##### ❖ But how do we know? How can we be confident?

- ♦ No shame in asking. Faith requires a solid ground. God provides.
  - Ours is **not** a faith shrouded in misty myth of some primordial time!
- ♦ Luke, thoroughly researched from eyewitnesses, then documented it all for us as established historical facts in a clear historical context.
- ♦ Jesus' message: *the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* 19:10

*Many have undertaken to draw up an **account** of the things that have **been fulfilled** among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and **servants of the word**. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.*

- ♦ Carefully investigated - confirms Matthew & Mark - OT prophecies

##### ❖ History unique to Luke

- ♦ Nativity of John the Baptist and Jesus - Luke 1 & 2
- ♦ Simeon & Anna in the Temple - 12 year old Jesus in the Temple
- ♦ Road to Emmaus encounter with the Risen Jesus
- ♦ Only accounts of the Ascension, Pentecost, Cornelius, Stephen, Saul's conversion, jailer at Philippi, all of Acts
- ♦ The History of Jesus' work - The History of the Holy Spirit's work

##### ❖ Sounds the note of celebration - Good news for **all** the Lost

- ♦ Songs of Mary, Zechariah, Angels, Simeon
- ♦ 3 accounts of the Lost: *Come celebrate! We had to celebrate!*
- ♦ Dr. Luke, who offers layers of comfort
  - Physician, probably Greek, **not** an eyewitness to Jesus (Lk 1:2)
  - Acts (*we* passages): Joins Paul, Troas - Philippi, Philippi to the end
  - Luke & Acts address *Theophilus*, Greek/Gentile - Jesus for you too!

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While careful research, documentation, and corroboration make facts clear - eyes, ears, hearts and minds are opened and convicted by the gospel.

##### ❖ Luke's specialty: *the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

- ♦ Mary's Family Tree - back to Adam, the father of all people
- ♦ Christmas angels: *I bring you good news that will cause great joy for **all the people**. Today in the town of David a **Savior** has been born to you... on **earth** peace to those on whom his favor rests.*
- ♦ The Good Samaritan and thankful Samaritan healed from leprosy
- ♦ The Pharisee & Tax Collector in the temple & Zacchaeus
- ♦ Jesus' look to betraying Peter - Jesus personal visit to Peter on Easter
- ♦ Crucified criminal: *I tell you to truth, today you will be ... in paradise.*
- ♦ Weeping over Jerusalem and speaking to her weeping women
- ♦ Spiritual outsiders, sinners, poor, widows and other women
  - Widow of Nain, the persistent widow - next Sunday's Gospel
  - Special emphasis on prayer - connection with the Father
    - ♦ *Father forgiven them, for they do not know what they are doing. ... Father, into your hand I commit my spirit.*
    - ♦ The Lord's Prayer in response to: *Lord, teach us to pray...*
- ♦ Parallel to Paul: God of grace, forgiveness for all lost, prayer, thanksgiving. Mentor + ministry to Gentiles - clear in Acts.
- ♦ The warm, gracious bedside manner of our Savior to sick sinners - confirms Jesus knows what we lost sinners need and provides it.

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